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OPEN PEIPING-TIENTSIN HIGHWAY BRIDGE;
REPAIR KWANGTUNG AND HAINAN ROADS

COMPLETES 100-METER LONG CONCRETE BRIDGE -- Tientsin Jih-pao, 2 Sep 50

Tientsin -- Public ceremonies, marking the completion of the highway bridge across the Hsin-k'ai Ho on the Peiping-Tientsin motor road, were held 1 September 1950. The ceremonies included addresses by several of the high municipal officials and were attended by over 1,000 persons.

This bridge is the first and largest project to be undertaken and completed by the Municipal Bureau of Public Works since liberation. The bridge, of reinforced concrete is 100.2 meters long (30 meters longer than the Liberation Bridge), and its permissible load is 15 tons. This bridge replaces the old wooden Han Bridge which was so rotten that a 5-li $\sqrt{3}$ li equal one mile⁷ detour was necessary.

This new bridge will be named the Ching-Ching Bridge (Peiping-Tientsin), since it is an indispensable link in the main motor road connecting Peiping, Tientsin, and T'ang-ku. The area in the vicinity of this bridge is to be developed as the light industry section of the city. Tientsin is said to have a population of 1,800,000.

REPORTS ON STATUS OF KWANGTUNG HIGHWAYS -- Hong Kong, Ta Kung Pao, 19 Oct 50

Canton, 18 October (by telephone) -- The chief of the Kwangtung Communications Office, Feng Hsin, reported that within the past 12 months his office has directed the restoration and maintenance of over 6,000 kilometers of motor roads in the province. Under the authority of the Kwangtung Communications Office are five control offices and 62 control stations. It has issued licenses to 1,800 motor vehicles, and has administered the recently adopted three sets of regulations governing the maintenance and use of motor roads.

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HAINAN EAST HIGHWAY NOW USABLE -- Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 6 Sep 50

Canton, 5 September -- There are three main north and south trunk highways on Hainan, commonly called the east, central, and west highways. These have a total length of 1,397 kilometers. Prior to liberation, only 965 kilometers were passable. The 60-kilometer section of highway from Wan-ning to Fen-shui-ling which has been impassable for 4 years is now in good condition, making the east highway usable throughout its entire length. There are also 667 kilometers of hsien roads, all of which are usable.

AUTOMOTIVE CONFERENCE TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS -- Hankow, Ch'ang-chiang Jih-pao, 19 Aug 50

Peiping, 15 August (Hsin-hua) -- From 2 - 12 August 1950, a conference on the automotive industry was held in Peiping under the auspices of the Ministry of Heavy Industry. Among the topics discussed were the following:

1. Present conditions in the automotive industry.
2. Location of new automotive factories.
3. Time and procedure in regard to the construction of new factories.
4. Type of vehicles to be built; production goal.
5. Procurement and distribution of equipment.
6. Unified control of existing factories.
7. The manufacture of tractors.
8. Obtaining and training of technically competent workers.

The conclusions of the conference are to be submitted in the form of proposals to the Committee of Finance and Economics and the Government Administration Council for decision.

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